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## HOLLAND, CURACAO AND ARUBA SIGNED INTERNAL AGREEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATION





To improve our fight against diseases

# Holland, Curacao and Aruba signed internal agreement on International Health Regulation

A historical meeting took place Monday between the Ministers in charge of Health of Aruba, Curacao and Holland. This is the first time in history of the Kingdom that Ministers of Health of the Kingdom meet together. In a Ministerial Consultation, the leaders participated during the day to deal with the topic of "International Health Regulation". The result was a signed internal agreement at the end of the first day of the 'Health Care Conference Aruba' (HCCA).

For Holland was present the Dutch Minister Edith Schippers with her delegation, consisting of Public Health executives and her Ministry. For Curacao was present Minister Ben Whiteman accompanied by Dr. Gersje Rodriguez-Pereira, Public Health Inspector. And representing Aruba, Minister Alex Schwengle led a delegation of his Ministry.

Saint Martin was also invited to participate on this Ministerial Consultation; however the Minister President excused himself through a letter to justify his absence due to other conflictive compromises. However, a delegation of this island that is participating in the HCCA assisted at the meeting and was led by Dr. Earl Best, Gen-

eral Inspector of Saint Martin and executives of the Public Health Department.

This is a very important agreement since the 'International Health Regulation' (IHR) deals with standards and rules that should be complied with in order to be properly prepared for situations such as contagious diseases.

As it is known, in the case of Chikungunya, our region is particularly vulnerable due to the tourism and

trade industry, among others.

"I am very proud that we reached an agreement to implement the IHR and reinforce each other to better comply with this challenge of contagious diseases and other challenges in the health care", said the Dutch Health Minister, Edith



Schippers.



The counterpart of Curacao, Minister Ben Whiteman indicated that he believes that this will be a milestone.

"The fight against infectious diseases is becoming more intense. This is a very important matter and I am happy to see that we are progressing in the Dutch Kingdom." The Minister of Public Health of Aruba, Dr. Alex Schwengle concluding the meeting expressing his satisfaction to have sat, discussed and reached an agreement.

"To bring awareness to all the islands of the dangers of our limitations begins with the realization that we can not accomplish everything by ourselves."





Prime Minister Mike Eman assisted the ceremonies at the Arlington

## A moment of reflection to remember all those who gave their lives for the liberty of others



**PRIME** Minister Mike Eman visited Washington DC as part of the delegation to accompany King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima during their visit to that city. Monday morning an official act where flowers were taken to the Arlington Cemetery. After this beautiful ceremony, Minister Mike Eman said that he found this to be a moment of emotions and reflection.

"For us to be present here as Dutch Kingdom and honor the soldiers who died during the second World War and all others who sacrificed their lives during this difficult period that the world went through, is something great. Surely for Holland that today is giving thanks to the veterans who helped in making the country and the people free."

Eman said that they had the honor of meeting veterans and their wives who played a crucial role in the freedom of Holland. For Aruba as part of the Dutch Kingdom it is an honor to express our gratitude to the United States for the contribution and courage demonstrated in the Second World War and other wars where US helped fight.

Holland and the Kingdom will always be thankful for the input of the United States. Eman went back in time and remembered how Aruba and the refinery played a very important role during the Second World War as the biggest provider of petroleum to the armed force of the US. This part of history connects Aruba to the United States in more than one sense.

"Standing here with our King and Queen is an example of what the cooperation in the Kingdom signifies where we convey our gratitude and give tribute to the United States for what they have done for the Kingdom. The presence of the Prime Minister of Saint Maartin, Curacao and I as the Prime Minister of Aruba is evident of this."

Eman found this ceremony to be special and he mentioned that for his wife Doina, who is from Washington, the visit was like 'coming home'. Later during the day there followed with important meetings at the World Bank where Eman spoke on the management of sustainability of the Government in Aruba.



# First day of the HCCA included very interesting presentations

and an important agreement signed



AS on honor guest at the opening of the first 'Health Care Conference Aruba' (HCCA), was present the Interim Governor, Mrs. Ella Tromp-Yarzagaray. This Conference is taking place this week at the Renaissance Conference Center. The opening was very impressive with the participation of local and all the visitors for the good organization and the content of the program presented by the guest speakers.

One highlight of the first morning of the conference was the presentation of Dr. Joycelyn Elders, ex- General Surgeon of the United States. She directed herself in a very simple language and very charismatically delivered her speech to the public.

The program of the first day of this conference was directed to the Rector of the University of Aruba, Dr. Glenn Thode. The Ministers of Public Health of Aruba, Curacao and Holland delivered their speeches highlighting the importance of this event and which are the areas that will be worked upon.

The conference room was full and everyone was attentive to the arguments and a variety was noticed from the medical sector, the public and private and the members of the Parliament.

In the evening they focused more on a

series of Break Out Sessions where participants would elaborate, analyze, ask and debate opponents on the information they received during the speeches of the day.

During these sessions, which will repeat on the final of each day, participants have the opportunity to receive suggestions that will be applicable specifically to the situation in their country.

The Health Care in the Small Communities' was the theme of the first day and the guest speakers were Dr. James Fitzgerald as System and Service Director of Health of PAHO/WHO. He elaborated on the topic of 'Desire vs. Recourses' in the Health System.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, ex- General Surgeon of the United States, the first Afro- American woman to occupy this position. Her topic was 'The Challenges, Strategies and Parameters for Systems in Small Communities'.

Dr. Shiyen Chao, Counselor of the World Bank. He elaborated on another paradox of the sector comparing the 'Open Market' vs. the 'Controlled Market'.

The first day of the conference concluded with a Ministerial Agreement on 'International Health Regulation' that was signed by Holland, Curacao and Aruba. The 'Health Care Conference Aruba' (HCCA), will continue during the week.



Dr. Beke, ex Minister of Public Health

# The Government is doing its part and the citizens should also contribute to improve health

Conference on Health deals more with spending control



**OVER** more than 200 persons assisted the first Health Care Conference Aruba, which has the aim for the partners in the Kingdom to work together to achieve a better control expenditures in Public Health. Mainly for the Dutch countries in the Caribbean. Many local doctors participated in this event, which was open for professionals on this field and the executives involved in the management of Public Health and partners in the Kingdom. Among those presents, was the ex- Minister of Public Health, Dr. Lilli Beke.

Doctor Beke, who managed the Ministry during the years 1994 to 1998, had many words of praise towards the Conference. From the time she was in the Government to now, the ex-Minister is happy to see how Aruba has advanced on the field of Public Health, which changes, she said, started since the time she managed Public Health. "Now we are at a very acceptable level, if we compare ourselves to the Public Health worldwide. Aruba has improvements to do and will always be so where there is developments." Dr. Beke said.

Dr. Beke listened to the discourses of the Public Health Ministers of the islands and of the US ex-General Surgeon, Mrs. Joycelyn Elders and Dr. James Fitzgerald, representing the PAHO.

Analyzing what the speakers brought forth on the desire to achieve universal health coverage combined with a expenditure control in this sector, Dr. Beke explained that in her opinion, Aruba is very much advanced already on this field. But we must always have in mind that Aruba is a small community with limited financial resources and the available resources play an important role on how to best manage Public Health.

"We do not have the facilities like the big countries do, however despite of that the level of our Public Health is very good compared to other Caribbean Islands and countries in Latin America."

She believes that Aruba lacks a lot on the education and motivation part and should work on that. Dr. Beke is of opinion that a lot has been done already on this field to encourage the citizens to change their lifestyle, but this information does not reach the public in order to bring awareness that they need to also contribute to Public Health and lead a healthier life.

"The Government and doctors can do on part, but the other part has to come from the citizens, to contribute to their own health and enjoy a longer a healthier life." concluded Dr. Beke.



# ARUBA BANK MAKES IMELDAHOF'S DREAM A REALITY

It took place the Child Fest at Imeldahof. Aruba Bank visited the center the event and gave a special donation to all the children. A symbolic gift of 10 computers was given during the Child Fest.

The Child Fest was organized by Vivian Carter, an intern at the University of Aruba. The reason of the Child Fair was to collect money for the center so they can realize many dreams they have to improve their service at the center for the children. The Child Far included a talent show by the children of the center and several activities for children and sport demonstrations.

All the funds that were collected during the Child Fest goes toward the financing of a 'Computer Room' and a playground. With the donation of the Aruba Bank, the computer room has been realized.

The employees of Imeldahof and the children received the donation with great enthusiasm and they were even happier when they learned that the installation job will be done by the IT team of the Aruba Bank.

Aruba Bank is happy and satisfied to be able to put smiles on the faces of these children of the Imeldahof, helping them reach their goals and their developments at their school, and with their projects on which they need the use of computers.





Kingdom's Partners reach agreement during the Maritime Consultation Platform (MOP)

# Hopefully Aruba will start with ship registration in 2016

ARUBA was the host of the Maritime Consultation Platform for all the members of the Dutch Kingdom. The Harbormaster Consultation took place last year in Bonaire, but this year Aruba has decided to enhance and invited all the Harbor Masters of the Dutch Kingdom in the Caribbean for this platform.

The Harbormaster of Aruba, Mr. Rudy Beaujon conducted this meeting. They agreed to work closer together on topics based on the management of a Harbormaster. Director of the Navigation Department, Mr. Carlyle de Coteau explained that Aruba has prepared a "Cooperation Agreement" which was discussed and agreed by all who attended the meeting. It is now up to Minister Otmar Oduber and his counterparts in the Dutch Kingdom to sign this agreement.

At the same time, the meeting of the



Maritime Consultation Platform (MOP) took place. This is a platform of meetings concerning maritime affairs. This platform was established in 2010 after the Netherland Antilles as we know were dissolved.

This is the 4th Maritime Consultation Platform and all legal aspects regarding maritime affairs in the Dutch Kingdom has been discussed.

According to Carlyle de Coteau, the laws of the Kingdom should have a consensus, meaning that there should be a general

agreement of all the partners.

The Director of the Navigation Department of Saint Martin, Curacao and Holland were present for these meetings. They all presented their legal proposals. According to Mr. de Coteau, this is an opportunity also to present future plans, that perhaps are not ready to be developed legally but that deserve proper attention.

The cooperation is very positive. In the past, it was Holland that developed a legal plan in two years time and due

that it is a Kingdom affair, it is sent to the islands and it takes about 3 weeks to considerate and develop the new law. But now the procedure to develop a law is different. The idea is brought up in MOP first and together they will work on the paths to concretize the new law. Aruba is taking a position of leadership that is recognized by the partners in the Kingdom in the maritime future. Including is the registration of ships to start this year. Minister Otmar Oduber since 2010 took the decision that Aruba should be prepared to register all ships. The Navigation Department is now ready to implement this. Curacao and Saint Martin were invited to unite in this management. Together they will work on a format to present this to Holland next year. If all goes well, Aruba will start registering ships at a proper manner in the last part of 2016 to the beginning of 2017.

With the help of the Lotto

**AZB**  
organizes  
the Aruban  
Swimming  
Championships



**AFTER** the great success of our athletes in the sport of swimming abroad in the championship of the CARIFTA as well as the one of CONSENAT, it is time now for the local championship in swimming which is the biggest of the year, the Aruban Swimming Championships.

The best swimming athletes of the three best clubs in Aruba, Stingray Swimming, Aruba Dolphins and the Orca's will meet each other to compete from the 4th until the 7th of June.

The 'Piscina Olimpico Roly Bisslik' at Savaneta will host these 4 days of competitions. Our swimmers shine every year in any competition in which they participate and for this reason the Lotto and the Subsidy Department continues to sustain the federation that works hard toward the welfare of the athletes.

The Subsidy Department expresses their special gratitude towards the Lotto, Aruba's Lottery for subsidizing the Aruban Swimming Championships.





# Bowler Thashaina Seraus Ready for the Pan American Games

LAST year she migrated to the United States to combine her studies with the sports she loves, which is bowling. Now after a year and in a very short time she has achieved many awards which she never even thought possible.

Thashaina Seraus is an athlete in Bowling. She has become a true revelation at the Bowling University in the United States and we can not let

this go without having an interview with her and ask her how she is preparing for the Pan American Games.

The interest in the sport became clear since she was 5

years old when her grandfather was training twice a week and took her with him to the bowling alley. She was supervised by Lilly Arends and Rita Lopez Henriquez. Her first competition was a Halloween Tournament.

Her first international competition was when she was only 8 years old in Costa Rica. Thashaina

grew up in this sport and was always inspired by her family. She controls the bowling ball and the game depends on her alone. She wanted to dominate the bowling ball and create her own style.

Thashaina Seraus obtained her scholarship to the United States to continue her studies combined with her sport. At first this was difficult because she had to leave behind her family and her son. But she adapted quickly after being assured that all is well with her son and family in Aruba. She is doing very well in both her studies and the sport. The support and encouragement of her teammates as well of her coach give her an extra push to work harder toward her goal.

Thashaina and her school have obtained several big rewards in NCAA, but her personal rewards are so much that she never really stood still to think on what she achieved in so little time. She is now finally realizing how big all her achievements really are.

Thashaina Seraus feels about the Pan American Games in Toronto. She is more mature, more experienced and more relaxed compared to 4 years ago. The fear has left completely. She has become a better bowler now and has adapted quickly to her sport. She has not elaborated on her the games itself but feels that Aruba is very well prepared with their team and that all the countries will go for the gold medal. Aruba has the possibility to win the gold medal? Of course, Why not!





# GUNMEN KILL NINE

## Afghan employees of Czech charity



(AFP) - Gunmen killed nine Afghan employees of a Czech aid organisation in their beds during an overnight raid in northern Afghanistan Tuesday, one of the deadliest recent attacks on humanitarian workers in the war-battered country. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the killings in the relatively tranquil Balkh province, but the Taliban are intensifying their annual spring offensive despite repeated government attempts to reopen peace talks.

The nine victims were shot as they slept in a guesthouse belonging to People in Need (PIN), a Czech organisation that has been active in Afghanistan since 2001, delivering aid to remote communities in the east and north. "Those killed in Zari district of Balkh province include two drivers, two guards and five project staff, which included a woman," PIN country director Ross Hollister told AFP. "They were killed in their beds while they were sleeping," he added. Hollister said the organisation has been

working in that area since 2002 and had no forewarning of the raid. Tuesday's attack is among the worst ever on aid workers in Afghanistan, who have increasingly been casualties of a surge in militant violence in recent years. PIN condemned the attack, saying in a separate statement that it was "unprecedented in its brutality" and had prompted the organisation immediately to suspend all work in Afghanistan. "Investigation is ongoing, the identity of the attackers is not known, but according to available information they did not originate from the area," the statement said. Abdul Razaq Qaderi, the deputy police chief of Balkh, said police had launched a search for the gunmen.

### - Attacks on aid workers -

Employees of international aid organisations have increasingly come under attack in Afghanistan, even though the Taliban's official policy rejects attacks on humanitarian workers. Last year 57 aid workers were killed, according to the United Nations

Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA). Since the start of this year, 26 aid workers have died, with another 17 injured and 40 abducted, UNAMA said. "Being an aid worker in Afghanistan is an extremely risky business, which will only become more dangerous if authorities fail to ensure those responsible for these disgraceful attacks face justice," Horia Mosadiq, Afghanistan researcher at Amnesty International, said in a statement. "Anything less will send the message that aid workers are a fair target." Afghan President Ashraf Ghani also strongly condemned the killings of "innocent staff... whose job was just to help people in need"

The latest attack comes just weeks after 14 people -- mostly foreigners -- were killed in a Taliban attack on a guesthouse in central Kabul popular with international aid workers. Five of them were Afghan employees of aid organisations including ActionAid and the Aga Khan Foundation. In April the bullet-riddled bodies of five

Afghan workers for Save the Children were found after they were abducted by gunmen in the strife-torn southern province of Uruzgan.

Official efforts to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table have so far borne little fruit. The surge in attacks has taken a heavy toll on civilians, according to UNAMA. In the first four months of 2015, civilian casualties jumped 16 percent from the same period last year, it said. Ghani's government has drawn criticism for failing to end growing insurgent attacks, which critics partly blame on political infighting and a lengthy delay in appointing a candidate for the crucial post of defence minister.

Ghani last month nominated Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, a top official in the government body overseeing the country's peace process, for the job.

The post had been left vacant for months due to disagreements between Ghani and his chief executive and former presidential election rival, Abdullah Abdullah.





**SURVIVOR:**

## **Chinese passenger ship CAPSIZED QUICKLY during violent storm**

**JIANLI** County, China (CNN)—Most of the passengers on the Eastern Star cruise ship had gone to bed. A violent storm struck and rain pounded the windows with such force that water seeped into the cabins, survivor Zhang Hui told Xinhau, China's state-run news agency.

The ship began tilting, Zhang told the agency, reaching an angle of 45 degrees at one point. Small bottles rolled off the table in his cabin.

"Looks like we are in trouble," he remembers telling a colleague. When the ship with more than 458 people aboard overturned late Monday, he said, it happened

so quickly he only had 30 seconds to grab a life jacket and get out of his cabin. He went into the dark and choppy waters of the Yangtze River.

"The raindrops hitting my face felt like hailstones. I tried to hold my breath, but water was forced into my mouth anyway," he told Xinhau.

Not knowing how to swim, he hung onto the life jacket as he floated. He heard other voices in the water, but

they soon faded. He saw the lights of a boat, but it passed, apparently not hearing his cries. "Just hang in there a little longer, I told myself," Zhang said, according to the news agency. Hours later, around dawn, he floated to shore and crawled to solid ground. He made it to a building, was taken to a hospital and called his family. "I'm still alive," he told them, Xinhau said. His wife and 15-year-old son broke down upon hearing his voice, he said. A massive rescue effort is under way to find anybody who might have survived the capsizing of the Eastern Star. The ship was on a pleasure cruise along a stretch of the Yangtze that winds through central China's Hubei province, authorities said. Most of the passengers were senior citizens.

By 9:30 p.m. local time Tuesday -- 24 hours after the Eastern Star capsized -- only 15 survivors and five bodies had been recovered as rescuers battled darkness and intermittent rain, Xinhau reported. The others are feared trapped inside the ship, CNN's David McKenzie reported from the scene. The survivors

included the ship's captain and chief engineer, who were taken into custody for questioning.

Video showed the rescue of an elderly woman who surfaced near the hull wearing a diving mask. Holding a rope, she walked up the hull into the arms of rescuers.

Divers plunged into the river and rescue workers gathered along part of the vessel's upturned hull that was sticking out of the water. They used hammers to knock on the body of the ship, which was almost completely submerged, and heard responses from inside, a state-run local newspaper reported. Welders used blowtorches

in an attempt to cut the hull open. More than 1,000 armed police officers, equipped with 40 inflatable boats, were participating in the rescue effort, Xinhua said.

Images of the upended ship evoked memories of the Sewol, the South Korean passenger ferry that sank last year, taking the lives of more than 300 people, most of them high school students. The captain of that ship

was convicted of murder in April and sentenced to life in prison. In this case, the majority of the 406 passengers on the cruise were between 50 and 80 years old, according to a list published by state media. The youngest was 3.

There were also 47 crew members and five travel agency workers on board, according to state media. All of those on board were reported to be Chinese. Unless many more people are rescued, the Yangtze River sinking will become the deadliest passenger ship disaster in Asia since the Sewol went down.

Ship capsized during storm The Eastern Star had been making a multistop journey up the river from Nanjing to Chongqing, a city hundreds of kilometers inland. River cruises along the Yangtze are popular among both Chinese and international tourists. The Yangtze is the third-longest river in the world, stretching 6,300 kilometers (3,915 miles) from its source in the mountains of Tibet all the way to the East China Sea. The ship capsized around 9:30 p.m. Monday during a



▼ storm over the section of the river that flows through Hubei's Jianli County, authorities said. The captain and the chief engineer, who made it off the ship alive, both said the ship had been hit by a longjuanfeng, a Chinese word that can be translated as cyclone or tornado, Xinhua reported. But Zhang Zuqiang, a senior official with the China Meteorological Administration, told the newspaper Beijing News that he wasn't sure there had been such a storm. But it was raining heavily at the time, he said. Alarm raised by survivor Local authorities launched rescue efforts after receiving a phone call from a survivor who managed to swim ashore, according to Chinese media. The sunken ship is now about 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) from the shore, where the river is around 15 meters (50 feet) deep, China's state-run broadcaster CCTV reported. Relatives were desperately seeking news. Yan Mao told CNN that his mother, aunt and two cousins were on the ship after boarding it at Nanjing, the eastern Chinese city where the multiday river cruise began Thursday. Yan said he was on his way to Wuhan, a major city roughly 150 kilometers (93 miles) from the area where the ship is reported to have gone down. "I am anxious to find them," he told CNN. "Of course, I believe they are alive, otherwise I

wouldn't go there." Yang Min, a Shanghai resident whose parents and child were on the ship, said he was anxiously waiting with many other families for updates at a local government office in the city. State-run media showed images of relatives of passengers waiting for information at a makeshift reception center in Fuzhou, the capital of southeast China's Fujian province. In one photo, a man wept as he looked at a cell phone. The caption said he recognized his mother being rescued.

Premier arrives at site Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and other senior officials arrived Tuesday at the site of the disaster to oversee the large-scale emergency response. To help with the rescue effort, authorities reduced the amount of water being discharged from the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric plant, which is upstream from the sunken ship, state media reported. More than 4,000 people and 110 vessels have taken part in the search and rescue, Chinese Transport Minister Yang Chuantang said at a news conference. Divers have been called in from all around the country, he said. A



CNN team saw scores of military trucks and buses on an expressway heading toward the site of the sinking. Each one was packed with soldiers wearing orange life vests.

Debate on social media Chinese social media users weren't waiting for the results of any official investigation before launching into a debate on whether to blame humans or the bad weather for the disaster. "What could the captain have done?" asked one top-rated comment in a popular conversation thread on Weibo, a Twitter-like microblog service in China. But another top-rated comment

wanted to know if pre-emptive measures could have been taken: "How could meteorologists not have forecast the weather situation? If they did, why didn't they notify those in charge of the ship?" China's deadliest passenger ship disaster in recent memory is believed to be the capsizing of the ferry Dashun off the coast of eastern Shandong province in 1999. That sinking killed 282 people, according to authorities. China Daily reported the Eastern Star belongs to a state-owned enterprise called Chongqing Eastern Shipping Co., which was registered in 1981.

## Researchers hail NEW CANCER TREATMENT:

### Unlocking the body's immune system

(CNN)—Researchers meeting in Chicago are hailing what they believe may be a potent new weapon in the fight against cancer: the body's own immune system. An international study found that a combination of two drugs that helped allow the immune system to fight the cancer -- ipilimumab and nivolumab -- stopped the deadly skin cancer melanoma from advancing for nearly a year in 58% of the cases. Melanoma, though a skin cancer, can spread to the lungs, liver, bone, lymph nodes and brain. Other studies have shown promise in treating lung cancer. The research is being presented in Chicago at the annual conference of the American Society of Clinical

Oncology and published in The New England Journal of Medicine. Those involved in the fight against cancer are divided as to just how excited to get over the promise of immunotherapy in battling cancer. Results 'encouraging,' 'promising' "Immunotherapy drugs have already revolutionized melanoma treatment, and now we're seeing how they might be even more powerful when they're combined," said Dr. Steven O'Day, an expert with the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

"But the results also warrant caution -- the nivolumab and ipilimumab combination used in this study came with greater side effects, which might offset its benefits for some patients. Physicians and patients will need to weigh these considerations carefully," O'Day said. In the study, 36% of the patients receiving the two-drug combination had to stop the therapy due to side effects. Both drugs are made by Bristol-Myers Squibb, the sponsors of the study. And Nell Barrie, a spokeswoman for Cancer Research UK, while calling the results "encouraging" and "promising," told CNN that much remains to be learned and the new drugs would not replace any of the existing cancer

treatments. Surgery, she said, would remain vital. So, too, would chemotherapy and radiotherapy, she said. She noted that researchers had yet to study the long-term survival rates for immunotherapy. And the side effects can include inflammation of the stomach and bowel serious enough to require hospitalization, she said.

But Dr. James Larkin, the lead author of the melanoma study, called the results a game changer. "We've seen these drugs working in a wide range of cancers, and I think we are at the beginning of a new era in treating cancer," Larkin told The Telegraph, a British newspaper. 'Another weapon in the arsenal' Barrie said immunotherapy could offer hope to people with cancers that are otherwise difficult to treat, such as melanoma, advanced lung cancer or cancer that has spread throughout the body. "We're looking at another weapon in the arsenal," she said. At the heart of immunotherapy is that cancer -- unlike most other diseases -- is not an invader.

It consists instead of the body's own cells gone rogue. So the immune system is not programmed to target the cancerous cells because it does not recognize them as foreign. The immunotherapy drugs, Barrie said, "work to switch the immune system back on."



# LION kills woman at South African park

Johannesburg (CNN)—A U.S. woman on a safari outside Johannesburg was attacked and killed by a lion Monday. She was a passenger in a vehicle with a tour operator when the lion attacked. The tour operator was hurt trying to fight off the animal, but he is expected to survive, according to Scott Simpson, assistant operations manager at Lion Park. Lion Park said witnesses confirmed that both the passenger's and driver's windows were open at the time of the attack.

The victim, in the passenger seat, took photos of the lions from a short distance when a lioness moved slowly toward the vehicle. The lion stopped about a meter from the vehicle as the woman continued taking pictures, a Lion Park statement said. The lion then lunged at the car, biting the woman through the open window. The tour operator suffered injuries that weren't life threatening trying to fend off the lion. Camp staff chased the lion away, the statement said. An ambulance arrived in minutes as the staff rendered first aid.

The woman died at the scene. Simpson said the lion would be taken to a second property while the park investigates. It will not be euthanized.

The park has had incidents before, all stemming from open windows, he said. "That's absolutely forbidden at our park," Simpson said. "There are numerous signs, and we hand out slips of paper to all guests warning them to keep their windows closed." Lion Park, a wildlife center in South Africa's Gauteng province, boasts a variety of animals, including lions, zebras, giraffes and wild dogs. "It is incredibly sad that a life had to be lost in this manner," the Lion Park statement said. "Visitors to South Africa need to remember that predators are dangerous and rules are there for their own safety. If all the rules are adhered to (during) your visit to the Lion Park, national parks and other similar facilities will be a safe and treasured experience."



## Acting TSA director reassigned

after screeners failed tests to detect explosives, weapons

WASHINGTON (CNN)—The Department of Homeland Security said Monday that the acting administrator for the Transportation Security Administration would be reassigned, following a report that airport screeners failed to detect explosives and weapons in nearly every test that an undercover team conducted at dozens of airports. According to a report based on an internal investigation, "red teams" with the Department of Homeland Security's Office of the Inspector General were able to get banned items through the screening process in 67 out of 70 tests it conducted across the nation. The test results were first reported by ABC News, and government officials confirmed them to CNN. Mark Hatfield, acting deputy director, will take over for Melvin Carraway until a new acting administrator is appointed. It was not immediately clear Tuesday where Carraway would be reassigned.

Late Monday, Johnson issued a statement announcing Carraway's reassignment. "Today, all air travelers are subject to a robust security system that employs multiple layers of protection, both seen and unseen, including: intelligence gathering and analysis, cross-checking passenger manifests against watchlists, screening at checkpoints, random canine team screening at airports, reinforced cockpit doors, Federal Air Marshals, armed pilots and a vigilant public," the spokesperson said. "In combination, these layers provide enhanced security creating a much stronger and protected transportation system for the traveling public." Homeland Security's report on the tests is set to be issued later this summer and is still being written.

A Homeland Security spokesperson said that "the numbers in these reports never look good out of context, but they are a critical element in the continual evolution of our aviation security." Rep. Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, called the failure rate "deeply alarming." "Over the past six years, we have seen TSA consume an enormous amount of government resources, but I'm not convinced we have much to show for it," he said in a statement. "After spending over \$540 million on baggage screening equipment and millions more on training, the failure rate today is higher than it was in 2007. Something is not working." "I have long been a proponent of using low-tech bomb-sniffing dogs to detect weapons and explosives," he said. "Government needs to recognize that the most effective solution is not always the most expensive one." The spokesperson said DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson directed TSA to take "a series of actions, several of which are now in place," to address the issues the red team tests identified -- but didn't identify what those actions are.



# SERIES OF QUAKES Strikes off Northwest Coast; NO Tsunamis



(ABC NEWS) - A cluster of earthquakes ranging in magnitude up to 5.9 have struck off the coast of the Pacific Northwest, but haven't been strong enough to generate tsunamis, scientists said. The sixth and seventh quakes in the series struck Monday evening. They were the weakest so far, at magnitude 3.9 and 4.2. The first quake came a few minutes before midnight Sunday, Pacific time, at magnitude 5.8. It usually takes an earthquake of magnitude 7 or better to trigger a tsunami, said geophysicist Paul Caruso of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The quakes have been shallow — about 6 miles deep. They have been centered in an area about 300 miles west of Coos Bay, Oregon, along what's known as the Blanco Fracture Zone. "It's a well-known place for earthquakes," said another agency geophysicist, Julie Dutton. "They're frequent throughout the year." A 2008 agency report said the zone had produced about 70 quakes of magnitude 5 or greater in the previous 28 years, as many as eight in some years. Also in 2008, scientists detected a swarm of hundreds of smaller quakes.

In the Blanco faults, blocks of crust slide horizontally past each other, Dutton said. Faults that feature blocks rising and falling violently in relation to each other are the kind that can generate the energy for tsunamis, she said. The magnitude 5.9 quake hit shortly after 1 p.m. Monday. Reports to the geology agency and law enforcement offices suggest that people along the coast barely felt the earthquakes.



## You can believe your eyes: NASA to test flying saucer

(CNN) —

Keep an eye on the skies over Hawaii on Wednesday. If all goes to plan, NASA will be testing out a saucer-shaped craft that could hold the key to a future human mission to Mars. The test flight was originally scheduled for Tuesday but was postponed because of unfavorable ocean conditions. The craft will splash down in the sea, so operators need to be able to recover it safely.

If conditions are suitable Wednesday, an enormous balloon will lift the test vehicle carrying the disc-like Low-Density Supersonic Decelerator, or LDSD, to a height of 120,000 feet, or more than 20 miles (32 kilometers), above Earth. Then, mission controllers will set the LDSD free to fire its rockets

centerpiece of the test: a giant supersonic parachute, measuring 100 feet (30 meters) across. For those on the ground, live video will be relayed from four cameras aboard the pioneering saucer-shaped craft.

"You get to see all the same video I do, at the same time I do," Mark Adler, project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, said in an online news release. "This year's test is centered on how our newly designed supersonic parachute will perform. We think we have a great design ready for the challenge, but the proof is in the pudding and the pudding will be made live for everyone to see."

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### Updating decades-old technology

Last year, when the LDSD was tested for the first time -- also launched from the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range facility in Kauai, Hawaii -- the deployment of the parachute was the only fly in the ointment, when it didn't inflate as expected. This time around, a new design is being tested: the Supersonic Ringsail parachute, which NASA says is the largest supersonic parachute ever tested for use on Mars. Current technology for decelerating from high speeds during reentry into the atmosphere to the final stages of landing on Mars dates back to NASA's Viking Program, which put two landers on the Martian surface in 1976. The basic Viking parachute design has been used ever since. It was successfully used again in 2012 to deliver the rover Curiosity to Mars. NASA will need new and improved landing technologies to handle the larger spaceships of

tomorrow and land them on rocky surfaces, as well as at higher altitudes.

### Atmospheric drag

NASA scientists hope this saucer-shaped craft could be the key. "As NASA plans ambitious robotic science missions to Mars, laying the groundwork for even more complex human expeditions to come, the spacecraft needed to land safely on the Red Planet's surface will become larger and heavier in order to accommodate explorers' extended stays on the Martian surface," the agency's website said. This means the supersonic parachute will have its work cut out to create sufficient atmospheric drag to slow the vehicles down so they can be landed safely. Using drag for deceleration means precious fuel can be saved for landing maneuvers.

A third test flight for the LDSD is scheduled for the summer of 2016.





# NO more BRUCE:

Meet Caitlyn Jenner

(CNN)—She has finally made her debut. Vanity Fair tweeted its latest cover Monday, starring the former Bruce Jenner, now called Caitlyn. Famed photographer Annie Leibovitz shot the first images of Jenner in her Malibu home for the upcoming issue. The photos accompany an article written by "Friday Night Lights" author Buzz Bissinger. According to the website, "Jenner speaks movingly about her journey, telling Bissinger, 'If I was lying on my deathbed and I had kept this secret and never ever did anything about it, I would be lying there saying, 'You just blew your entire life.'" In April, Jenner sat down for an interview with Diane Sawyer to reveal that the former Olympian had the "soul of a female." The cover was greeted with praise, with many on social media rallying around #CallMeCaitlyn. Jenner also started a Twitter account, which reached 1 million followers in Guinness World Record time -- 4 hours and 3 minutes.

Khloe Kardashian, one of Jenner's stepdaughters, showed her support on Instagram, posting, "We were given this life because you were strong enough to live it! I couldn't be prouder!!! Caitlyn, You are beautiful!!!"

Jenner's daughter Kendall posted a video of some behind-the-scenes footage of the Vanity Fair shoot with a voiceover of Jenner saying, "As soon as the Vanity Fair cover comes out, I'm free." Celebrity journalist David Caplan tweeted a picture of Jenner in a smoking-hot red outfit and shades, styling in a sports car. And it took the Internet only a minute to decide that Caitlyn Jenner bears a striking resemblance to actress Jessica Lange. GLAAD President and Chief Executive Officer Sarah Kate Ellis hailed the Jenner cover.

"By sharing her journey with the world, Caitlyn Jenner is accelerating acceptance of transgender people everywhere and reminds us all how important it is to live as your most authentic self," Ellis said in a statement. "For a transgender person to step into the world as his or her authentic self is a moment of tremendous freedom," added Nick Adams, GLAAD's director of programs for transgender media. "The world can now see what Caitlyn Jenner has always known, that she is -- and always has been -- a woman." ESPN says Jenner will receive the Arthur Ashe Award at its 2015 ESPYS awards show July 15 in Los Angeles. According to the ESPYS' site, "Recipients reflect the spirit of Arthur Ashe, possessing strength in the face of adversity, courage in the face of peril and the willingness to stand up for their beliefs no matter what the cost."

The award is named for the tennis star who brought awareness to HIV and AIDS after he announced his diagnosis in 1992. He died of complications from the disease in 1993. Past recipients of the award include Billie Jean King, Nelson Mandela, Muhammad Ali and Michael Sam. E!, home of the family's reality show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," will air an eight-part series about Jenner's transition starting July 26.





# Eddie REDMAYNE lands lead in 'Harry Potter' spinoff film



(CNN)—First there was Daniel Radcliffe, and now there is Eddie Redmayne. The Oscar winner has officially been cast as the star of "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," a trilogy based on a book central to the "Harry Potter" saga. Warner Bros. Pictures (owned by Time Warner, as is CNN) made the announcement on Monday. Redmayne will play Newt Scamander, who discovers magical creatures around the world and documents them in his book "Fantastic Beasts," a textbook for Harry and other Hogwarts students.

The script will be written by "Potter" author J.K. Rowling herself, and longtime "Potter" director David Yates will return. "Eddie is a fearless actor, brimming with invention, wit and humanity," Yates said in a news release.

"I couldn't be more excited about the prospect of working with him as we start this new adventure in J.K. Rowling's wonderful world, and I know she feels the same way." The trilogy's first chapter is scheduled to be released in theaters on November 18, 2016.

## Greek PM Tsipras has 'realistic' debt deal proposal

GREEK Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras says he has issued "a realistic proposal" to the country's international creditors in an attempt to secure a deal over its debts.

"We have submitted a realistic plan for Greece to exit the crisis," he said.

Mr Tsipras said the plan included "concessions that will be difficult".

His statement follows talks in Berlin attended by the heads of both the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank. International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde and ECB president Mario Draghi's presence at the meeting between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and France's Francois Hollande underlined the seriousness of the talks. Reports suggest the meeting was aimed at coming up with a "final proposal" to issue to Athens.

But Mr Tsipras, who was not included in the meeting, said he had not yet been contacted by the IMF and European officials. "We are not waiting for them to submit a proposal, Greece is submitting a plan - it is now clear that the decision on whether they want to adjust to realism... the decision rests with the political leadership of Europe," he added. A 300m (£216m) payment from Greece to the IMF is due on Friday.

There are fears Greece does not have the necessary funds to pay and could default on the debt, ultimately leading to its exit from the eurozone. Friday's payment is the first of four totalling 1.5bn that Greece is due to pay to the IMF in June, and it is understood

that the payments could be all bundled together and repaid in a single transaction at the end of the month. If Greece decides to repay the funds in this way, it would have to notify the IMF, but it has not yet done so.

### 'Gigantic'

The country remains in a four-month long deadlock with international creditors over the release of 7.2bn in remaining bailout funds. European lenders as well as the IMF are pushing for greater austerity reforms in return for the cash, which the Greek government has so far refused to make.

Germany's Vice-Chancellor, Sigmar Gabriel, said he supported efforts by the French and German governments to reach a deal in negotiations about Athens' massive debts, warning Greece's exit from the eurozone would have "gigantic consequences".

"The political consequences of a Greek bankruptcy in the eurozone would of course be gigantic. I think a lot of people have the impression that we're better off without Greece in the eurozone. 'The truth is that if we break the first piece out of the European house, Europe would be in a different state.'" But Syriza parliamentary spokesman Nikos Filis reiterated that the government would not sign an agreement that was incompatible with its anti-austerity programme.

"If we're talking about an ultimatum... which is not within the framework of the popular mandate, it is obvious that the government cannot co-sign and accept it," Mr Filis told Antenna TV.

### In June

Greece owes...

6.74bn euros

1.5bn to the IMF

5.2bn in short-term bills

### In July

Greece owes...

5.95bn euros

452m to the IMF

2bn in short-term bills

3.5bn to the ECB

### In August

Greece owes...

4.38bn euros

176m to the IMF

1bn in short-term bills

3.2bn to the ECB





# FIFA President **BLATTER** to **RESIGN** amid corruption scandal

(FOX NEWS) - FIFA President Sepp Blatter said Tuesday he will resign from soccer's governing body amid a growing corruption scandal. Blatter has promised to call for fresh elections to choose a successor. The 79-year-old Blatter was re-elected to a fifth term on Friday, two days after a corruption crisis erupted and seven soccer officials were arrested in Zurich ahead of the FIFA congress. "This mandate does not seem to be supported by everybody in the world of football," Blatter said Tuesday at a hastily arranged news conference. "FIFA needs a profound restructuring."

"For years, we have worked hard to put in place administrative reforms, but it is plain to me that while these must continue, they are not enough," he added. Elections are expected to take place sometime

between December and March. "I will continue to exercise my function [until the new election]," said Blatter, who looked strained and serious. "By making this announcement, he has created an opportunity for us to go further than FIFA has before -- to fundamentally change the way in which FIFA is structured," Domenico Scala, chairman of FIFA's audit and compliance committee, said following the news conference.

The news of Blatter's resignation came as the office of the Swiss attorney general said Blatter is not under investigation by Swiss authorities. "Joseph S. Blatter is not under investigation by the OAG. His announced resignation will have no influence on the ongoing criminal proceedings," the attorney general said in a statement. Three days earlier, Blatter was defiant

and feisty when fending off questions about FIFA's battered reputation and the chance U.S. federal agencies could seek his arrest. Blatter said he reached the decision after he had "thoroughly considered my presidency and ... the last 40 years in my life."

Blatter joined FIFA in 1975 as technical director for development projects, was promoted to general secretary in 1981 and spent 17 years as right-hand man to Joao Havelange of Brazil before being elected to lead world soccer. The new election will be overseen by Domenico Scala, chairman of FIFA's audit and compliance committee. Scala gave a statement immediately after Blatter in which he praised a decision that was "difficult and courageous in the current circumstances." "This is the most responsible way to ensure an orderly transition," Scala said.

## Siding falls off video board, delays French Open match

PARIS (USA TODAY) - Play was stopped for more than 30 minutes Tuesday afternoon during a French Open men's quarterfinal match inside Court Philippe Chatrier, when a piece of metal siding fell off a large electronic video board.

"We had heard a rattling the whole match," spectator Sydney Fass said. "I thought it was something against a pole. And then all I heard was screaming and we ducked."

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga was leading Kei Nishikori 6-1, 5-2 around 5 p.m. local time when high winds blew a large piece off the top of the scoreboard's frame onto a TV commentary deck, then onto a row

of fans. "We saw the big gigantic piece of metal and we covered our heads," added Anne Fass, her mother. The French Tennis Federation released a statement that said three sustained minor injuries. Images on social media showed blood on the ground in the row of seats where the piece landed. An ambulance was brought onto the grounds of Roland Garros and into a hallway of the stadium, which serves as the French Open's biggest court. A drape was put up before the ambulance drove away several minutes later. A blustery day in Paris has seen winds reach up to 20 miles per hour, making

play difficult for players at the French Open.

The delay lasted 37 minutes as tournament officials rushed to secure the area. They cleared the immediate area of seats around where the siding had fallen.

This French Open has had its share of controversy, as Roger Federer was approached by a fan on court on day one of the event on the same court. In addition, an article appeared on the tournament's official website that discussed rumors surrounding Stan Wawrinka's personal life. The story was later taken down.